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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY INQUIRES RE PUTATIVE
KISSINGER VISIT.

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1. ASTROM (MFA SECRETARY GENERAL) TELEPHONED ME LATE MONDAY AND POLITELY PUT TWO QUESTIONS RE PRESS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON TO EFFECT THAT KISSINGER CONFIRMED HE WOULD ATTEND BILDERBERG CONFERENCE HERE (REFTEL). COULD GOS KNOW OFFICIALLY WHETHER DR. KISSINGER WILL COME TO SWEDEN? IF SO, WHEN WOULD DR. KISSINGER ARRIVE IN SWEDEN? I TOLD ASTROM I WOULD SEEK ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS AND CONVEY THEM TO HIM ASAP.

2. ASTROM THEN SAID GOS UNDERSTANDS VERY WELL THAT DR. KISSINGER IS INVITED HERE FOR AN UNOFFICIAL PURPOSE AND IT WOULD RESPECT HIS PRIVACY. HOWEVER, HE SAID, WE SHOULD KNOW THAT SOME MEMBERS OF SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ARE INVITED TO THIS YEAR'S BILDERBERG AND WILL ATTEND. I SAID I WAS SURE THIS WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD BUT WOULD NEVERTHELESS PASS ON THE INFORMATION.

3. PRESS TODAY RECALLS LAST TIME BILDERBERG MET IN SWEDEN IN 1962. THEN UNDERSECRETARY BALL LUNCHEDED AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE WITH THEN PRIME MINISTER ERLANDER AND THEREAFTER SOUNDED OFF IRREVERENTLY TO PRESS ON SWEDISH NEUTRALITY. PRESS ALSO QUOTES SPOKESMAN OF UNITED FNL GROUPS AS SAYING KISSINGER WOULD GET
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ATTENTION OF ANTI- U. S. DEMONSTRATORS IF HE CAME TO SWEDEN.

4. COMMENT. PALME AND WICKMAN ARE INVITED TO BILDERBERG AND
POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND ASTROM' S
WORDS TO MEAN THAT NEITHER PALME NOR WICKMAN WOULD ATTEMPT TO
ENGAGE KISSINGER OUTSIDE OF BILDERBERG CONTEXT BUT DO NOT BAR
THEMSELVES FROM APPROACHING HIM INSIDE.
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